

# News from Justine

Spring 2023

**Spring** came to the desert with a loud cacophony of colors. Our winter was the wettest in years producing a spring “Super Bloom.” Justine ventured out to photograph the flowers along the road to Saguaro Lake, only to find **thousands** of people had the same idea. The hills were alive with thousands of yellow and gold poppies. It was exciting to mix with the crowds and cars. This spring has also brought out a multitude of cactus blooms. ✨ It was the first time Justine has seen a “Teddy Bear Cholla” in bloom.



Teddy Bear Cholla



Golden Poppies

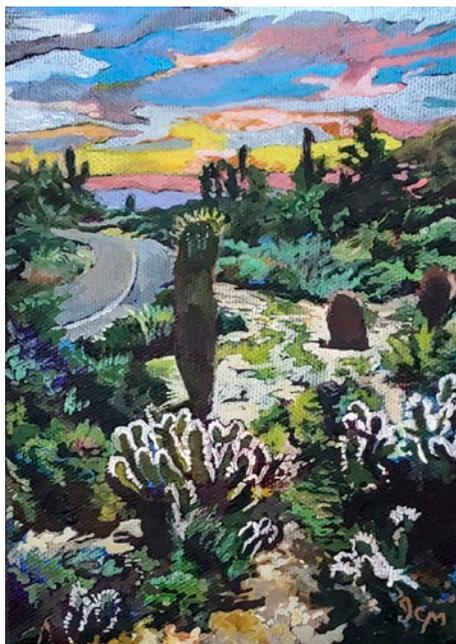
## Painting on Canvas A New Passion ...

Painting small landscapes on canvas is a current passion for Justine.

“The Road to Saguaro Lake” 

has just been completed. The landscape composition has been created in several different versions. This 6 x 4” painting was under-painted in pearlescent inks with the actual painted landscape created on top while preserving some of the glowing under-painting.

Celebrate spring with all its beauty!



## Fountain Hills Art League “All Members Exhibit”



Justine took part in the Fountain Hills Art League’s “All Members Exhibit” and her painting *Desert Pears a L’Orange* won the “Peoples’ Choice Award” which was voted on by the visitors to the exhibit. The painting will be up for consideration for “Artist of the Year” in December along with the other monthly artists who won awards.

More Spring Blooms ✨



## Tour d'Artistes 2023

The annual Fountain Hills Art League's "Tour d' Artistes" was super successful with Justine's "Desert Textures" studio designated #1 on the map. That designation brought in a lot more visitors and Mary Lou Mulloy and Justine counted over 200 people.

Long-time Mesa Community College friend and fellow teacher, Brenda Newhouse visited and brought Justine's friend and creative collaborator, Cindy Shievitz. Brenda bought two historic viscosity prints from Justine. Brenda will act as the MCC Art Department's representative who will collect from Justine the historical books about women artists to be part of the Art Department's Carol Drachler Library.

Justine will be happy to ensure that knowledge of these valuable women artists does not disappear. Additionally Justine gave Brenda numerous slides of women artists' works. The department will eventually transfer the slides to a digital format.



## Ink & Etching Classes ...



Ink and Etching classes have started for Justine. She taught her first students in late March. Justine plans to hold additional classes soon.

Watch for a new schedule to come!

## Squirtle Goes Walk-About

Bill and Justine lost their 23 year old pet turtle, *Squirtle* for seven days. They tore the house apart, sent out "missing" notices to the "Next Door" app only to find Squirtle nestled among the long dresses in the front closet.



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